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Mr. Stephen Posner, EFSEC Manager
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(via e-mail to: sposner@utc.wa.gov)

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Review of Proposed Final
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for
Columbia Generation Station, NPDES Number WA0025151

Dear Mr. Posner:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided comments on the public-notice draft of the above-referenced National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The EPA conducted the review pursuant to the *Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Operation of the NPDES Permit Program between the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC), the State of Washington, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10*, dated August 1979.

The EPA submitted comments on the draft permit on May 5, 2014 and reserved our ability to object to the proposed final permit. EFSEC provided the proposed final permit, fact sheet and response to comments on August 20, 2014. The EPA reviewed the final proposed permit, fact sheet, and response to comments and decided to take no action on the proposed final permit.

Thank you for consideration of EPA and other stakeholder comments in development of the final draft permit. Please contact me at (206) 553-1755 or by email at lidgard.michael@epa.gov if you have any questions about this letter or related matters, or you may contact Karen Burgess, of my staff, at (206) 553-1644 or by email burgess.karen@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Michael J. Lidgard", is positioned above the typed name.

Michael J. Lidgard, Manager
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